



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

TRIBES, STATE OF MONTANA SIGN MODERN DAY TREATIES

Written by Bonnie Red Elk Fort Peck Journal (Vol. 2008 Issue 13)



Democratic Governor Brian Schweitzer is one of the best friends of the Indian nations in

the state of Montana – especially the Fort Peck Tribes. That was exhibited this week at a modern day treaty signing that took place with almost as much tradition and dignity as the treaty signing days of old.

GOVERNOR: "I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER" SO DETENTION CENTER WON'T DEFAULT

Governor Brian Schweitzer made good on his word – and more – by coming to Hardin and touring its empty \$27 million detention center and hear the city's plea for help to make it a success.

BROWNING BATTLES TEENAGE DRINKING

By ERIC NEWHOUSE Great Falls Tribune (04/04/08)

BROWNING — Cheryl Little Dog rolled her wheelchair to the center of the Browning Middle

School gymnasium Wednesday night to talk to a group of teenagers who are statistically at the highest risk in Montana for alcohol abuse.

MARSHALS WORK WITH TRIBES ON TRACKING SYSTEMS LAW REQUIRES SEX OFFENDERS TO REGISTER; TRIBES CREATING OWN PROGRAMS

By ZACH BENOIT, Billings Gazette (04/04/08)

For the past nine months, U.S. marshals in Montana have been ramping up efforts to enforce a federal law requiring sex offenders to register with local law enforcement when they change addresses or move across state or tribal boundaries.

BUFFALO RULE AT LITTLE RIVER SMOKEHOUSE

By Sandra Hale Schulman News From Indian Country 3-08



Tasty and healthy buffalo jerky, meat sticks, and sausages are the main menu at Little River Smokehouse, the only Native owned and operated smokehouse in the country.

Friday, April 04, 2008

JOB VACANCIES:

NETWORK OPERATIONS SECURITY CENTER

SUPERVISOR, POSITION #61166131, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$52,230 to \$69,000 DOQ. Manages the daily operations of the State's networked computer systems and supervises personnel within the Network Operations Security Center. Application deadline: Monday April 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=319

CIVIL ENGINEERING SPEC. (DESIGNER) Position #51069 State of Montana, Department of Transportation, Missoula. Salary \$19.56 to \$26.08 per hour DOQ. Compiling road plans packages, includes the use of drafting, engineering practices, mathematics, construction and computer design software. Application deadline April 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.. Interested parties see complete listing at www.mdt.mt.gov.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN Position #79037 State of Montana, Department of Transportation, Miles City/Jordan. Salary \$16.77 per hour (employees new to State Government). Operates a variety of trucks to perform regular maintenance activities. Responsible for overall functional operation of machines. Application deadline April 18, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.. Interested parties see complete listing at www.mdt.mt.gov.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BILLINGS HEAD START INC

The Opportunity: The Board of Directors of the Billings, Montana Head Start Inc seeks a dynamic, innovative, creative executive director to continue to lead the award winning Billings Head Start program to the next level. The Executive Director, will lead a program with a budget of approximately \$3,000,000.00 and locations in three counties in South Central Montana. The Executive Director has Site and program directors supporting various site locations reporting to him/her. The program is taught and managed by a highly dedicated faculty and support staff of 110 diverse, motivated, dynamic individuals. We are seeking an individual who is creative, innovative and willing to try new ideas. The new Executive Director must have exceptional leadership skills and polished communication skills to effectively lead a diverse group of faculty and staff in a world of change. Unionization experience, to include contract negotiations is highly desired. Facility location and new facility acquisition will be one of the challenges that the new director must address. Fund raising experience is also highly desired as is being an exceptional "public face" to this award winning Head Start program.

Preferred Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have a four year degree in Human Services, Early Childhood or related fields plus some graduate work and five years experience directly related to the overall management of an organization. The candidate will be very comfortable working in a positive, dynamic environment with young children, have a strong communication and visionary leadership style and have excellent team building skills. Strong financial management background is desired, as is the ability to write grants and raise external funding from a diverse base of sources.

Salary: \$938.00 p/wk to \$1172.00 p/wk, DOE

Applicants must submit the following information:

- A. A letter of interest and intent addressing all preferred qualifications identified above, and a statement of philosophy of early childhood education and how

applicant philosophy will benefit the children who attend Head Start programs.

- B. A current curriculum vitae and/or resume.
- C. Four current letters of professional reference. Applicants that have letters of reference older than 12 months from the submission date (post marked date) will NOT be considered.
- D. Email applicant information to: denniso@billingsheadstart.org or mail to 615 North 19th Street, Billings, MT 59101
- E. Questions regarding this prestigious opportunity should be directed to Dennis at (406) 869-1219.

The closing date for this position is May 16, 2008 EOE.

DIRECTOR OF MSU'S AMERICAN INDIAN RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY (AIRO) OFFICE.

AIRO is a consortium of Montana's seven Tribal colleges and Montana State University-Bozeman.

The individual who fills this position will be responsible for managing all activities of MSU's American Indian Research Opportunities (AIRO) Program, and will report directly to the Vice Provost/Director of the Division of Health Sciences.

AIRO is dedicated to providing opportunities for American Indian students in career fields where they are significantly underrepresented. For more details on AIRO, refer to the home page at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwai/>.

Application Procedure:

Screening begins April 21, 2008 and continues until the position is filled.

For application information, refer to MSU's jobs page at <http://www.montana.edu/cgi-bin/msuinfo/fpview/p/8568-3>

City: Bozeman

State: MT

Country: United States

Employment Type: Full Time

Salary: Commensurate w/experience

Reply To

Jennifer Woodcock

American Indian Research Opportunities Program

Montana State University - Bozeman

312 Roberts Hall; PO Box 173925

Bozeman, MT 59717-3925

United States

jwoodcock@montana.edu

REGISTERED NURSE

Position No.: 64104250, Division: Youth Services, Pay Band: 6, Location: Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility, Bargaining Unit: MPEA, Status Supplement:: No, Salary: \$20.354 - \$25.44, Shift: 4 10-hour shifts (subject to change)

Applications may be returned to any local Job Service Office or the Department of Corrections by email, fax or hard copy.

No later than 5:00 p.m., April 14, 2008.

Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility

Attn: Julie Straub

4 North Haynes Avenue

Miles City MT 59301

email jstraub@mt.gov

EVENTS/TRAINING:

MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) announces three regional workshops offering instruction and answering questions about projects funded through MBCC.

We encourage all projects to send the Fiscal Officer, Project Director, and Program Coordinator to one of these sessions to ensure your understanding and compliance of grant

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requirements. Agencies interested in applying for grants through MBCC are also welcome to attend.

Registration begins May 1st.
For questions call (406) 444-3604
August 12—Great Falls
August 14—Missoula
August 21—Billings

MONTANA INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (MIEA) CONFERENCE 2008 NEWSFLASH..

MIEA Conference is only 4 weeks away. Website ---
www.mtiea.org

Conference Pre-registration closes Friday, April 4, 2008.

Get your registrations in ASAP.
(Your pre-registration helps us get ready for conference for planning meals, getting conference materials ready, etc.)

Conference Hotel (Hilton Garden Inn) is full.. recommend checking with hotels (most within walking distance)
Ruby's Inn.. 721-0990
Comfort Inn.. 542-0888
Courtyard by Marriot.. 549-5260

MIEA Board of Director's Positions Open for Nomination
High School Student Rep
General Board Positions (3)

Vendor Tables = just a few more table spaces available

MIEA Resolutions for 2008 - Due by Friday, April 18

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

2008 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

Current Closing Date for Applications:	May 12, 2008
Expected Number of Awards:	20
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$500,000
Award Ceiling:	\$35,000
Award Floor:	\$5,000
CFDA Number:	66.110 -- Healthy Communities Grant Program

The Healthy Communities Grant Program is seeking projects that:

- Target resources to benefit communities at risk (environmental justice areas of potential concern, places with high risk from toxic air pollution, urban areas) and sensitive populations (e.g. children, elderly, others at increased risk).
- Assess, understand, and reduce environmental and human health risks.
- Increase collaboration through community-based projects.
- Build institutional and community capacity to understand and solve environment and human health problems.
- Achieve measurable environmental and human health benefits.

Proposed projects must: (1) Be located in and/or directly benefit one or more of the four Target Investment Areas which include: Environmental Justice Areas of Potential Concern, Places with High Risks from Toxic Air Pollution, Sensitive Populations, and/or Urban Areas in one or more of the EPA Region I States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and/or

Vermont; and (2) Identify how the proposed project will achieve measurable environmental and/or public health results in one or more of the six Target Program Areas which include Asthma, Capacity Building on Environmental and Public Health Issues, Clean Energy, Healthy Indoor/Outdoor Environments, Healthy Schools, Urban Natural Resources and Open/Green Space.

RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS AND GUARANTEED LOANS

Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jun 16, 2008
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jun 16, 2008
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$15,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$500,000
Award Floor:	\$1,500

USDA published a notice in the announcing it is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2008 to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements for agriculture producers and rural small businesses in eligible rural areas. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Energy Coordinator for your state. A list of Energy Coordinators with contact information is located in the announcement.

Montana

John Guthmiller, USDA Rural Development,
900 Technology Blvd., Unit 1, Suite B, P.O.
Box 850, Bozeman, MT 59771, (406) 585-
2540

Meeting The Challenge: Montana's Workforce On The Move

Come To the Governor's Workforce Conference



May 21 & 22nd 2008
Crowne Plaza Hotel
27 North 27th Street
Billings, MT

- ♦ **Learn** how technology is not only creating new jobs, but training opportunities as well.
- ♦ **Listen** as Wendy Samson, explains the Intergenerational Workplace.
- ♦ **Discuss** how you can be a part of moving Montana's Workforce Forward.

Preliminary Agenda:

Wednesday May 21

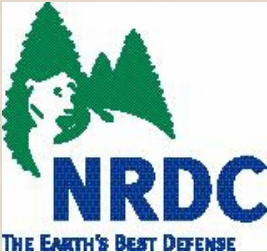
1:00-1:15 Welcome
1:15-2:00 Governor Brian Schweitzer
2:00-3:00 Wendy Samson "Culture
Clash: Managing the Intergenerational
Workplace
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-5:00 Workshop Break-outs
5:30-7:00 Sponsored Reception

Thursday May 22

7:30-9:00 Policymakers Breakfast
9:00-10:30 Workshop Break-outs
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-12:00 Closing Plenary
12:30-2:30 Local Industry Educational
Sites.

**To Register Log onto:
www.gov.mt.gov or www.msubillings.edu**





TRIBAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS TO
CLIMATE CHANGE

April 28-29, 2008

Hilton Garden Inn
2465 Grant Road
Billings, Montana



As the owners of 95 million acres of natural resource-rich land, and cultural witnesses to the changing North American landscape, Tribes stand poised to meet the energy needs of their communities and the nation as the impacts of climate change become a reality. Increasing energy prices and the global threat of energy scarcity continue to target Tribal lands in the West for oil and gas development, jeopardizing valuable cultural and natural resources. This workshop will provide a forum for Tribes, environmental, energy, and renewable energy experts to share experiences and knowledge on energy resource development while providing Tribes with technical information and assistance to build supportive partners to make decisions about energy options that meet the needs of their communities.

Conference Activities



Monday, April 28

12:00 pm Registration/Welcome/Opening Remarks

Topics*

Cultural Traditions to Solving Climate Change

Tribal Perspectives on Energy Development and the Impacts of Climate Change to Tribal Decision-Making

Adaptation to and Mitigation of the Impacts of Climate Change on Cultural/Environmental Resources

Renewable Energy: Getting a Wind Project Up and Running

Sustainable Building, Energy Efficiency and Weatherization

Economic Development Solutions: Carbon Sequestration and Biomass



Tuesday, April 29

9:00 am Reconvene

Topics

Economic Incentives: Structuring the Deal

Transmission Capacity: Connecting to the Grid

12:30-1:30 pm Lunch/Keynote Speaker

Funding: Attracting the Necessary Capital

Workshop Roundtable

* There will be smaller breakout sessions each day to discuss how each workshop topic applies to your community.

REGISTRATION FORM

Tribal Energy Solutions to Climate Change
April 28-29, 2008 ~ Hilton Garden Inn
2465 Grant Road -Billings, Montana

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS April 11, 2008

Please submit registration to tlintern@nwf.org or by fax to (303) 786-8911

Name: _____ Title: _____

Tribe/Affiliation: _____

Special Needs (dietary, etc. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

There is no registration fee for tribal employees, members, or organizations. A limited number of need –based scholarships will be available for hotel/ accommodations /travel expenses.

☐ **I am interested in a need-based scholarship. (Please provide a one-paragraph explanation on your need for a scholarship and submit with your registration).**

NWF has reserved a discounted room block at the Hilton Garden Inn. Each participant is required to make their own reservations. **To make reservations, To make Reservations, logon to <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/BILBMGI-NWF-20080427/index.jhtml> or call (406) 655-8800 and identify yourself as part of the National Wildlife Federation workshop to get the discounted rate of \$70/night. Room availability will not be guaranteed after the registration deadline.**

Storytelling for Empowerment

capturing stories ~ capturing lives

Imagine a learning experience which is supported and extended by the application of technology yet empowers students to create, all within the framework of our community's history. Everyone has stories — some can be funny, some can be painful, but all are personal. Digital storytelling is the process of writing about that story and adding the multimedia elements of voice, imagery, and music to create a visual story.

During this project, students will interview and photograph elders of their community. The stories will be shared and compared between students in Pablo, Montana,



Old Baldy Mountain, Broadwater County

and students in Townsend, Montana. Participants will have an opportunity to meet for the first time at a video pod cast training in April. Through technology, students will then collaborate online to complete this unique project.



Chief Cliff, Flathead Indian Reservation

On May 14, 2008, students, elders and VIPs from both communities will attend a celebration ceremony at our state's capitol. Displays of black and white photography and cultural items from each area will adorn the Rotunda. The celebration will include drumming, dancing, fiddlers and food.

For more information please call Julie Berry, 406-883-7316 or Tonya Wyse, 406-266-4903.

Funding provided by the Montana Board of Crime Control

2nd Annual



Great Falls Indian Education Children Celebration Pow Wow May 17, 2008

Paris Gibson Education Center Gym 2400 Central Ave.

Grand Entry 1 pm.

Master of Ceremonies: Jay DustyBull

Host Drums: White Clay Singers
New Agency Singers

Contest Dancing: Jr. and Teens ALL categories

Tiny Tots
Princess Contest

Student Exhibits

Elder Feed 4-5 pm.

Sponsored by Great Falls Indian Education. Parent Advisory Committee,
Indian Education Dept., and Longfellow Character Education

for Information or craft tables call: 268-7453.